

THE POCAHONAS TIMES

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The more we think of it the more firmly are we convinced that the most fortunate young unmarried men are those who have an opportunity to enter the army.

We know how universal is the desire to send boys away to school and what saving, pinching, and scraping goes on in many a household to maintain a youth at college and have him well founded in the classics, sports, and cards.

Now comes a time when the people of the United States having grown rich beyond the dreams of avarice, find themselves in need of defenders, and they call upon men in the strength of their youth, to go forth and defend them in their homes, lives and possessions, and without hesitation the government agreed to pay them a princely salary while they served.

You can hardly find a forward looking man who did not in his youth have dreams of an appointment as a cadet to the military academy at West Point.

But under the present law the enlisted man whether he be a volunteer or a conscript receives more than that sum a year. The lowest pay is \$360.00 a year and board, clothes, and all necessary expenses.

To get into West Point, the young man had to stand such an examination that he barred all but those who had had special advantages in the way of early education, and in addition were of great natural mental and physical ability.

In the present emergency, the young man passes if he is sound physically and of ordinary education, and he has a chance to develop into a trained man.

He may be caught in a squeeze and be translated to a better world but that is the chance of war but so far the dangers of war have not been so much greater than the dangers of lumbering or mining, and we never heard of a man standing back on account of the danger of these occupations.

A man is immortal anyway until his work is done, and if he should fall on the field of glory in defense of the weak, the old, and the helpless, he has but anticipated by some years a death that comes to the ordinary mortal in a state of brutish apathy as a result of disease.

To every man upon this earth Death cometh soon or late; And how can a man die better Than facing fearful odds For the ashes of his fathers And the temples of his gods?

We know that there are many who have gotten themselves into a state of reluctance to serve, largely due to the head-lines of the yellow press in reporting casualties. But there never was a time that the daily press was not putrid with accounts of murder, suicides, accidents, and other troubles.

It is well that man is not like the beasts that perish, but it is a pity that his imagination causes him to die a thousand deaths before his time comes. Most of our troubles are those that never happen. In the days of our health we should cultivate a cheerful disposition and not discount the present by fear of the future.

One of the most cherished weather beliefs suffered this year when it rained on the first day of dog days, and was dry for forty days after that. And when dog days ended the rain descended and the drought was broken.

over the the telegraph wires as to which way the storms are traveling. To add to the confusion of dog days the very date of the beginning of the season is not certain.

This St. Swithin was a powerful man in his day. The late J. P. Morgan said that eggs could not be unscrambled, but it is related that St. Swithin had no trouble in this respect.

With the modesty of the truly great, he willed that his body should be buried in the church yard and not in the chancel, as was his right as a bishop. The monks thinking that it was proper to disregard this injunction, attempted to bury him in the chancel on the 15th day of July, after he had lain in the church yard something over a hundred years.

The dog days are often regarded as an unlucky season, but the Egyptians held it to be the lucky season, while the Romans looked upon it as the unlucky time.

We have a new nobility in this town. They are known by the title of "Guarantor." A guarantor is one of the band of public spirited citizens who signed the contract to guarantee a princely sum for a delightful week of drama by a chautauqua company.

To tell the truth about it we have never been an enthusiastic supporter of the drama in our home town, that is we have not been a direct supporter. The family contributes to the theater with never falling regularity, but the old man, when the shades of night have fallen, will be found at home with a pipe, a daily newspaper and a book.

For a good many years we suffered from the wandering foot, and business, pleasure, or politics, found us homeless near a thousand homes. A condition was established of crowds without company, and dissipation without pleasure.

We have seen a large town grow upon the fields in which we used to hoe corn, and there are three theaters here to say nothing of the circuses and other tent shows, and one first class chautauqua.

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The nearest thing to penal servitude that the average Pocahontas man has ever experienced is the time that he has to put in waiting for trains in Ronceverte. It is a fine city, with good hotels, and delightful people.

We never hear men, women, and children discussing with intelligent criticism certain fillums that have been shown in town, but what we think that a few short years ago that this method of exciting the mentality was wholly unknown.

We as a people are going ahead in leaps and bounds. Presently there will be no really dull people any more. What a pity it is that at this great jump forward to the millennium that Germany had for to go and spill the beans! And in the name of culture, too!

The West Virginia bankers meet at White Sulphur Springs next week. Marlinton was beginning to have some vacant houses for the first time in the history of the town, but with the beginning of the school year, they are filled up with desirable citizens.

Mayor Thompson of Chicago, has all the popularity of smallpox in the town in which he lives. With the slight misfortune of being possessed with the devil, Hardwick, of Georgia, is a pretty good sort of a man.

But to the hero, when his sword Has won the battle of the free, Thy voice sounds like a prophet's word; And in its hollow tones are heard The thanks of millions yet to be.

Trust not yourself; but your defects to know, Make use of every friend and foe. A little learning is a dangerous thing, Drink deep or taste not the Pierian spring; There shallow drafts intoxicate the brain, And drinking deeply largely sobers us again.

With Germany printing paper money and lending it through the

Trustee's Sale Important and Old Established Telephone Line

Pursuant to authority vested in me F. R. Hunter, as Trustee by a certain deed of trust executed by The Ronceverte and Elkins Telephone Company, a corporation, to me, F. R. Hunter, Trustee, to secure the payment of a bond issue comprised of Twelve Bonds numbered from One to Twelve inclusive, for the sum of \$500.00 each signed by the said corporation and payable to the said F. R. Hunter, Trustee, or bearer, dated on the 15th day of August, 1905, payable, beginning April 1st, 1906, one bond for each six months period thereafter, which deed of trust bears the same date aforesaid and which is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia in Trust Deed Book No. 3 at page 226, and in another Deed of Trust executed by the said corporation to the undersigned F. R. Hunter and L. M. McClintic, Trustee, dated on the 14th day of August, 1915, to secure E. M. Arbogast, W. A. Bratton and G. C. Mohr, and the estate of G. C. Mohr, J. W. Price, which Deed of Trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia in Trust Deed Book No. 9 at page 187, and default having been made in the debts secured in said Deeds of Trust and having been made in the debts secured in said Deeds of Trust and having been requested so to do by the parties secured, the undersigned Trustee will, on

Friday, October 12th, 1917, beginning at one o'clock p. m. at the front door of the Court House of Pocahontas County, in the Town of Marlinton, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, proceed to sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, the following property belonging to the said Ronceverte and Elkins Telephone Company, to wit:

All of the property, rights and franchises, telephone lines, wires, poles and equipments, including all exchanges and rights-of-way and franchises and any and all other property whatsoever, including Centrals and Switchboards, whether real or personal and whether mentioned in said Deed of Trust, in and to the States of West Virginia and Virginia, but principally in the counties of Greenbrier, Pocahontas and Randolph, West Virginia, and the counties of Highland, Bath and Augusta in the State of Virginia, including the following lines:

From Staunton to Durbin; McDowell to Doe Hill; McDowell to Burnsville; Monterey to Vanderpool; Monterey to Valley Center; Hightown to Meadow Dale; Hightown to Pendleton County Line; Monterey to Arbogast's Ronceverte to Durbin; Durbin to Winterburn; Marlinton to Elk; Marlinton to Academy; Academy to Lobelia; Academy to Seabert; Academy to McNeal's; Academy to Clarks; Academy to Beard; Falling Springs to Benick; Frankford to Spring Creek; Spring Creek to Anthony; Frankford to Anthony; Frankford to Hills; Main Line to Syden strikers; Main Line to Levisays; Main Line to McLaughlins; and also lines on the poles of the Greenbrier Railway Company from Beard to Droop and from Marlinton to Harter in the State of West Virginia, together with all the Centrals and all equipments at Frankford, Academy, Marlinton and Durbin in the State of West Virginia.

banks to subscribers to the war loan—the current loan that must be liquidated some day—that government is having an experience like that of the Confederacy. It makes a nice little circular play. The imperial banks have the printers turning out the nice, crisp paper money. The banks lend it to the subscribers who secure as collateral a government bond. It reminds one of the old circus tune:

The elephant now goes round, goes round, The band begins to play; The boys about the monkey house, Had better keep away.

The people of this town are reaping a rich reward in their gardens. All of us are vegetarians.

Many of the liberal German papers take the view of the President's reply to the Pope, that while they think that it is highly insulting and aggravating to the German people, yet nevertheless that what Wilson says is true.

ONE WASTE OF WAR.

Genius That Perished Before It Had a Chance to Mature.

The waste of war is not entirely to be figured in dollars and cents, ruined churches and barren crops, if we may accept the opinion of the New York Tribune. Its greatest losses may be those things which never were allowed to live because their authors-to-be got no further than the first line of enemy's trenches.

America at times points with pride to the following notables. They were all at some time during the war between the states of enlisting age and yet for some reason or another, perhaps ill health or service of other kinds, they never were actively engaged at the front. Had they gone to battle our literature and public life might have been poorer, certainly by some of them, perhaps by all, for fifteen men are not many in a Gettysburg.

Mark Twain, with the exception of a short term of service within the borders of his home town, was in the far west during most of the war. Among others for whose presence we have since had opportunity to be more or less thankful were Thomas Bailey Aldrich, Grover Cleveland, Bret Harte, John Hay, Bayard Taylor, S. Weir Mitchell, Artemus Ward, Phillips Brooks, William Winter and William Dean Howells.

CLIMATE AND COMPLEXION.

Are Americans Destined to Become a Race of Brunettes?

That the coming American race is destined to be a brunette type—and not because of the immigration of dark races, but in obedience to a natural law—was a prediction made in one of his recent Gresham lectures in London by Dr. Harry Campbell. He pointed out that each race and subrace tends to adapt itself to the particular region of the earth which it inhabits through numerous generations.

The blond race had its origin in the cold northwest of Europe, where a plentiful supply of pigment in the skin is not necessary to protect the body from the active rays of the sun, and where a white skin favors retention of body heat. This blond race has dominated the world, successive swarms migrating southward and eastward and taking a large part in founding the civilizations of Greece and Rome, India and Egypt.

Even after so short a period as thirteen generations the inhabitants of the southern states of America are darker than those of the northern states. In process of time the blond type will die out in the United States.—New York World.

TALE OF THE TURTLE.

Where This Stupid Animal Poses as a Student of Astronomy.

For an animal that is rated so low in the scale of intelligence as the turtle it is really amazing to note the keen sense of intuition they display. There is a tradition among the natives of Venezuela that turtles will not begin to lay their eggs until the Southern Cross, which is the characteristic object of the firmament in the southern hemisphere, is completely formed—that is, not until the four stars which form the cross have moved on through the heavens and have reached a position perpendicular to the horizon.

It is even reported by a member of one exploring expedition in Venezuela that at midnight, when the turtles were being watched by the naturalists, the great mass of creatures went back into the waters without laying, leaving but a few of their companions behind them to act as sentinels.

At half past 2 in the morning, at the moment when the Southern Cross seemed exactly perpendicular to the horizon, a great motion was perceived on the shore of the river, and the turtles came out in battalions. They scattered rapidly in all directions, dug holes in the sand, deposited their eggs and then covered up the places, taking great pains to leave the surface smooth and flat as they had found it.—Argonaut.

FOR SALE—One five passenger slightly used Overland automobile will sell cheap and give good time to pay for it. MRS. IBA HANNAN, Ronceverte, W. Va.

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THE MAN AND HIS JOB.

Every Worker Should Get a Chance to Exercise His Ability.

In the American Magazine Herman Schneider, dean of the school of engineering of the University of Cincinnati, who has devoted his life to a study of human ability and fitting the right job to the right man, says: "There is a new psychology of work. One of its most inspiring principles is that the man who makes a failure on one job is likely to make a success of the job of an opposite type, assuming, of course, that he falls in the face of real effort. This is the significance of failure: it points the way to an occupation which means success. Failure to a willing man is merely misplacement on his job. Failure at one job is not a calamity; it is an indication. Every failure is a guidepost to Success."

Fortunately some employers are beginning to understand this. When a man fails in one job they shift him to another of an opposite type. And if the worker is not lazy or dishonest he usually succeeds. No foreman should be allowed to discharge a man. He should merely report to a central office that the man is not successful on his particular kind of work. In another department he may break records. To fire a man who has failed at one job is poor business. The shifting of failures means the making of successes."

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BEE MEN MEET

AND ORGANIZE STATE ASSOCIATION

Being ordered by the state to attend this meeting so as to prepare ourselves for the work that was before us, we went to Charleston from Ronceverte in the night and remained there about fourteen hours, then proceeded to Wheeling, arriving there about seven o'clock p. m. Our rooms were previously engaged at the McClure Hotel by Chas. A. Reese, Entomologist. Mr. Reese was called from his bed that night about twelve o'clock by the editor of the Wheeling Register, wanting to know who all from Ohio and out of town would attend this meeting. The morning papers contained a list of the names of all the speakers and inspectors who would be present.

At nine o'clock we were told to take a certain street car that went in the direction of our meeting. When we arrived at the end of our line we found plenty of automobiles waiting to take us out thru the country to the appointed place for our meeting, it being at one of the State Inspector's Apartments. There we were shown how to handle bees, care for them, and told how to treat them for the disease that is destroying so many valuable apiaries.

Some very old bee men attended this meeting, one being 87 years and another 81 years of age. They could tell us how to handle bees. From the experience of all those who attended this meeting the Italian bee is by far the best.

We organized what is called the West Virginia Bee Association, with T. K. Massey as president, and Mr. Griffith, the editor of the Wheeling Register, vice president. The intention of this association is to order hives, foundation comb and fixtures by the car load and sell it to its member at cost, also to edit a Bee Journal for West Virginia. The bee inspectors over the state were elected trustees and Chas. A. Reese, as secretary and treasurer. There was a bountiful dinner provided in the grove for all the visitors one that Pocahontas could not beat. We would like for all those having black bees to order at once some Italian Queens to introduce in your colonies. They are so much better to keep the hive rid of moths and are said not to be susceptible to take foul brood. There is nothing that a farmer could keep that is more profitable than a few colonies of bees. In our

work as inspectors, we find nothing less cared for.

We often find the hive sitting on the ground almost enveloped with weeds and grass and in many cases no cover over the hive. We have been covering the hives and setting them on new stands, but we find we are not going to have time to keep this up. So we would like for all those who have bees to fix them up in good shape for the winter and watch the results. We have taken, on an average this year, sixty sections of nice honey from each one of the hives that we wintered over from last year. So, you see that it pays to look after your bees. Then again, we believe that so many apiaries are being destroyed by spraying fruit trees while in bloom. From our own experience we find it does just as much good to spray before and after, then you will not kill the bee that is so valuable to the fruit grower. The West Virginia Bee Association is going to put forth an effort to get a bill passed making it unlawful to spray during the time fruit trees are in bloom. I am one in this move.

L. D. SHARP, State Bee Inspector.

SLATY FORK

P. L. Brown is now working at Cheat Bridge. Roy Baker is working in the company store here. We were sorry to hear of the deaths of Mr. Kramer at Linwood, and of Mrs. Harlan Gibson at Yelk. Miss Ada Sharp is at home on a visit from Massachusetts. S. C. Hoover has been on the sick list, but is now better. Miss Violet Tharp has returned from a trip to Craig Healing Springs. J. Cruikshanks are moving to Kentucky.

LEVELS DISTRICT CLUB NOTES

The boys and girls in the district are doing very well with their bit in the struggle. They are realizing that part of the responsibility for the outcome of the war is on them. Sterling Hill is getting the winter quarters for his pullets in good shape. He has a fine flock of white Leghorns and they will be profitable this winter. Gilbert Morrison has two booklets about complete. Some of the other members will have to hustle if they beat him. Milburn Curry is going to keep a cost-and-sales record of the home flock. A box supper was held at the Raintown school house last Saturday night by the club members present. Seventeen boxes were sold for \$31.65. The proceeds will be used as prizes for the club members. Stamping Creek is coming to the fronts rapidly in club work.